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## SMMUSD Earth Day Poster Contest Winners Draw on Their Hopes for a Sustainable Planet

The Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District has announced the winners of its Earth Day 2020 poster contest that urged elementary students to show what the theme, "My Sustainable World," means to them.

Thirty students from across the district entered the optional contest, which allowed for work done by hand or created via computer.

The winners in the TK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade category were Matthew Szabo Menichetti, first-grade student at Webster Elementary in Malibu, and Maelle Daniels, a second grader at Grant Elementary.



Annelise Sebastian, Roosevelt, 4th grade

In the third- through fifth-grade category, the winners were two Roosevelt Elementary students: fourth-grader Anelise Sebastian and fifth-grader Zoe Shen.

Judging was done by members of the SMMUSD Green Team Committee, composed of PTA members who focus on sustainability projects at the school level. The contest was coordinated by Austin Toyama, interim sustainability coordinator for the district.

The winning artwork will be displayed at <a href="www.smmusd.org">www.smmusd.org</a> and each winner will receive a certificate.

Questions can be directed to Toyama at <a href="mailto:atoyama@smmusd.org">atoyama@smmusd.org</a>.

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Zoe Shen, Roosevelt, 5th grade



Maelle Daniels, Grant, 2nd grade



Matthew Szabo Menichetti, Webster, 1st grade